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In re Application of: KRAMER et al.

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For: MICROCONTROLLER AND ADDRESSING

METHOD

: COMMUNICATION

This is a communication regarding the application papers filed on 12 December 2005 and assigned US application No. 10/560,572.

BACKGROUND

On 04 June 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/IB04/50842 which designated the U.S. and claimed the priority of an application filed on 17 June 2003. Accordingly, the thirty month date for national stage entry in the U.S. expired after midnight on 19 December 2005 (17 December 2005 was a Saturday).

On 12 December 2005, applicants filed papers in the United States Patent and Trademark Office including, *inter alia*, a TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED/OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PTO-1390) and the requisite basic national fee.

On 31 March 2006, a NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED/OFFICE (DO/EO/US) (Form PCT/DO/EO 905) was mailed. This notification required an oath or declaration of the inventors and the requisite surcharge.

On 28 August 2006, a NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495 (Form DO/EO/903) was mailed. This Notice indicates that an oath or declaration

was filed on 06 April 2006. A review of the application file reveals that an oath or declaration is not present in the file.

DISCUSSION

35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) requires that an oath or declaration of the inventors must be submitted in all national stage applications. This oath or declaration must satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497. Only after such a submission can the application be accepted under 35 U.S.C. 371.

It appears that applicant may have filed an oath or declaration with DO/EO/US on 06 April 2006. The CONTENTS record for this application indicates such a filing and the FEES record for this application indicates that applicants paid the \$130.00 fee for filing an oath or declaration after thirty months from the priority date.

However, as noted above, there is not a copy of an oath or declaration present in the file.

CONCLUSION

Because there is no oath or declaration in the application file, applicant is invited to supply a copy of this 06 April 2006 oath or declaration along with a statement that the supplied document is a true copy of the oath or declaration filed on 06 April 2006 and proof that an oath or declaration was received.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, with the contents of this letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.

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